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SUBJECT: GENEVA GROUP: FRG VIEWS ON ENCH FROPOSAL

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SUMMARY: FRG WANTS ACTION TAKEN IN NEAR FUTURE TO  
REGISTER CONCERN OVER GROWTH IN UN BUDGETS AND THEREFORE

SUPPORTS MEETING OF GENEVA GROUP IN NEW YORK OCTOBER 7-

8. FRG WILLING TO CONSIDER CEILINGS AND ACTION TO

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ENFORCE THEM BUT BELIEVES MORE FEASIBLE FIRST STEP WOULD

BE JOINT DEMARCHE IN GENEVA TO SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND/OR APPROPRIATE EXPLANATIONS IN FIFTH COMMITTEE OF CONCERN ON PART OF MAJOR CONTRIBUTORS OVER INCREASING BUDGETS. END SUMMARY.

1. WE ASKED SCHMITZ OF FONOFF FOR FRG POSITION ON BUDGET CEILINGS AND SUBSEQUENT PERSUASIVE ACTION IF NECESSARY. IT WAS OBVIOUS THAT HE HAD NOT UNDERSTOOD US POSITION ON FRENCH PROPOSAL, SO WE TOOK ADVANTAGE OF THE OPPORTUNITY TO OUTLINE IT IN DETAIL ALONG LINES OF STATE 220531.

2. SCHMITZ EXPLAINED THAT THE ESSENTIAL POINT IN THE FRG POSITION IS THAT THE MAJOR CONTRIBUTORS, BE IT THE BIG FIVE, TEN OR TWELVE, SHOULD TAKE SOME ACTION IN THE NEAR FUTURE TO REGISTER THEIR CONCERN OVER BUDGET INCREASES. IN THIS CONTEXT, THE FRG WELCOMED THE FRENCH PROPOSAL. THE FRG HAD DOUBTS ABOUT SOME OF ITS LEGAL AND PRACTICAL PROVISIONS, BUT, SINCE THE US AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE GENEVA GROUP HAD SIMILAR RESERVATIONS, THE GERMAN AND US POSITIONS ARE NOT FAR APART.

3. SCHMITZ BELIEVES THE GENEVA GROUP MUST REGISTER IN THE NEAR FUTURE ITS CONCERN OVER BUDGETS. HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE IT MAKE DEMARCHES TO THE UN SPECIALIZED AGENCIES IN GENEVA WHICH WOULD BE SIMILAR TO THE DEMARCHES THE BIG FIVE ARE MAKING IN NEW YORK TO THE SECRETARIAT. (SCHMITZ SAID THE FRG WOULD BE MAKING ITS DEMARCHE IN NEW YORK IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS.) THE GENEVA DEMARCHES SHOULD BE MADE WITHIN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS SO THAT THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS OF THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES COULD TAKE THEM INTO ACCOUNT AS THEY DRAW UP THEIR BUDGETS. THE FRG THOUGHT IT WOULD BE GOOD TO START WITH WHO AND ILO, BUT SCHMITZ AGREED TO RECONSIDER THE ILO WHEN WE EXPLAINED THAT WE WOULD NOT FAVOR A DEMARCHE TO THAT ORGANIZATION. FAILING AGREEMENT THAT GENEVA GROUP UNDERTAKE DEMARCHES, THE FRG WOULD FAVOR A SMALLER GROUP PROCEEDING.

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4. ANOTHER POSSIBLE ACTION IS AGREEMENT THAT THE GENEVA GROUP NATIONS REGISTER THEIR CONCERN OVER BUDGETS BY EXPLANATIONS TO THE FIFTH COMMITTEE. IN ANY CASE, THE FRG DOES NOT WANT TO SACRIFICE THE OPPORTUNITY PRESENTED BY THE FRENCH PROPOSAL. IT BELIEVES THAT THE DIALOGUE SHOULD CONTINUE AND THAT THE FRENCH SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED IN THEIR EFFORTS.

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5. SCHMITZ SAID THAT THE FRG WOULD SUPPORT A MEETING IN NEW YORK OCTOBER 7-8. AT THAT MEETING THE FRG WOULD

BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS CEILINGS AND SUBSEQUENT  
PERSUASIVE ACTION IF NECESSARY. SCHMITZ HOPES NEW YORK  
MEETING WILL RESULT IN AGREEMENT ON DEMARCHES IN GENEVA.  
SCHMITZ WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND, BUT CLAIMS THAT  
BUDGET OFFICER IN FRG DEL (SCHMIDT) IS  
THOROUGHLY ACQUAINTED WITH SUBJECT MATTER.

6. COMMENT: IT APPEARS TO US FROM SCHMITZ' EXPLANATION  
THAT FRG SHARES BOTH OUR ASSESSMENT OF THE FRENCH  
PROPOSAL AND OUR CONCERN OVER BUDGET GROWTH. THERE MAY  
BE SOME TACTICAL DIFFERENCES BETWEEN OUR APPROACH AND  
THAT OF THE FRG, BUT THE FRG POSITION APPEARS TO BE  
FLEXIBLE ENOUGH TO ELIMINATE THESE DIFFERENCES. IT  
WOULD SEEM, THEREFORE, FROM OUR LIMITED PERSPECTIVE THAT  
NEW YORK MEETING WOULD BE USEFUL. WE WOULD EXPECT THE  
FRG TO JOIN IN A CONSENSUS TO TAKE ACTION IN GENEVA,  
ESPECIALLY IF SOME VARIANT OF FRG PROPOSAL IN PARA 3 IS  
AGREED ON.  
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